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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: June 7, 2017

Re: State Legislative Update

The spring session of the 100th Illinois General Assembly closed on May 31 with no budget. To date, Illinois has operated for over 700 days without a budget and the bill backlog stands at \$14.5 billion. The General Assembly will continue to work into June, and the Speaker of the House has expressed interest in public budgetary meetings. Staff continues to track and analyze bills with particular relevance to CMAP. Legislation in this memorandum affects CMAP's 2017 State Legislative [Principles](#) and [Agenda](#), or is of interest to CMAP and its partners.

Included in this memorandum is an updated list of Board-supported bills and their positions in the legislative process. The General Assembly did pass a number of bills that affect the region, such as a stormwater credit trading authority for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Natural Areas Stewardship Act, but these bills currently await action from the Governor. Additionally, HB2538, which amends the Regional Planning Act to require livestreaming and recording of CMAP's board meetings, remains on the calendar for concurrence, and requires a vote from the House before it moves to the executive branch for consideration.

Staff is not recommending any position changes on bills, and a number of bills have been removed from consideration due to missed legislative deadlines. The bills listed contribute to the implementation of GO TO 2040 by bolstering the region's ability to manage stormwater and natural areas, facilitate efficient governance, and increase our commitment to public transit.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

June 2017 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
EXPAND AND IMPROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE				
Natural area stewardship	SB1029	<p>Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington)</p> <p>SB1029 creates the Illinois Land Conservation and Stewardship Grant Program and authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to make grants for stewardship of natural areas across Illinois using money in the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund. IDNR can grant these funds to conservation organizations to provide basic maintenance and stewardship to open areas. The grants will be subject to approval by the General Assembly.</p> <p>The legislation fulfills three of GO TO 2040's conservation recommendations by moving the state closer to protecting conservation funds from agency sweeps, building capacity in private conservation organizations, and providing funding for stewardship of vital natural areas.</p>	<p>5/31/2017</p> <p><i>Passed both Houses</i></p>	Support
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
Local government consolidation	SB3	<p>Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park)</p> <p>The bill would make several changes to existing law that facilitate local government consolidation by expanding the DuPage, Lake, and McHenry pilot program allowing the county board to consolidate/eliminate certain units of government to all counties in Illinois. The bill would allow counties to cease township organization structure (eliminate townships countywide) and choose whether to restructure into a commission form of government, rather than requiring that form of government in order to cease township organization. The bill would remove restrictions that limit townships to 126 square miles. The bill would provide a process by which any township within a</p>	<p>5/31/2017</p> <p>Senate</p> <p><i>Passed both Houses</i></p>	Neutral

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		<p>coterminous municipality can dissolve and allows township road districts to be abolished when they have less than 15 center lane miles.</p> <p>While the efficient governance proposals articulated in this bill align well with GO TO 2040, staff recommends a neutral position because this bill is inseparable from the Senate's Grand Bargain.</p>		

INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

RTA working cash	HB3004	Rep. Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest)	3/22/2017 <i>Passed both Houses</i>	Support
		<p>Allows the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to sell additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2020 (now 2018) that are over and above and in addition to the \$100,000,000 authorization. Working Cash Notes are essentially short-term (i.e. less than 24- month) loans to cover operating expenses. As amended, the RTA would also be permitted to establish a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution. To do so, the RTA must pass an ordinance and submit the ordinance to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the State Comptroller.</p> <p>Staff recommends supporting this legislation because the RTA's capacity to access short-term capital is a critical tool for mitigating the impact of the state's practice of delaying payments.</p>		

Previously reported bills that have missed legislative deadlines

- [SB520](#) Continued federal appropriations (CMAP supports)
- [SB1337](#) Stormwater management (CMAP supports)
- [SB1507](#) County-led stormwater management (CMAP supports)
- [HB496](#) Township consolidation (CMAP supports)
- [HB662](#) Registration fee increase for electric and alternative fuel vehicles (CMAP supports)
- [HB2756](#) Stormwater Management (CMAP supports)
- [HB2802](#) Transit benefit programs (CMAP supports)

[HB3136](#) Increase the motor fuel tax (CMAP neutral)
[SJR7](#) and [HJR12](#) I-55 managed lanes (CMAP supports)

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